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Preventative Health Exams

Exams are required upon initial entrance to Kindergarten and 6th grade. School districts have the option to require another preventative health exam upon entrance to 9th grade (a local district decision). ([KRS 156.160](#) and [702 KAR 1:160](#)).

[Overview of School Entry Exam and Screening Requirements](#)

[KRS 156.160](#) (1) (g) allows a preschool/Headstart physical meeting the timeline requirements in the law to substitute for the required physical for initial enrollment in Kindergarten.

All required school health entry forms are available for download at the following link:

<http://education.ky.gov/districts/SHS/Pages/Health-Forms.aspx>

- Preventative Health Examination Form
- Dental Examination Form
- Vision Examination Form
- School Health Requirements

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Immunizations

Immunization laws and regulations protect everyone. Kentucky has regulations requiring immunizations for children in child care and school. The [Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services](#) (CHFS) administers the immunization program in Kentucky schools. These same requirements also provide exemptions from these immunizations for both medical reasons and religious beliefs.

A current immunization certificate must be on file at the school within two weeks of the child's enrollment ([702 KAR 1:160](#)).

Kentucky Immunization Laws and Regulations:

[KRS 214.034](#) Immunization of children

[KRS 214.036](#) Exceptions to immunization requirement

[902 KAR 2:055](#) Immunization data reporting and exchange

[902 KAR 2:060](#) Immunization Schedule

Effective July 1, 2011, updated requirements in 902 KAR 2:060 Immunization Schedule became effective. Any child entering a Kentucky public school after July 1, 2011 must comply with the updated requirements. A summary of the requirements and changes is available from the CHFS.

[Immunization Requirements](#)

[Cheat Sheet](#)

For further immunization requirement information, please contact the [Kentucky Immunization Program](#) staff through their web page or by telephone at (502)-564-4478.

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Hearing and Vision Screenings

Per [702 KAR 1:160](#), each local board of education shall adopt a program of continuous health supervision for all school enrollees. Supervision shall include scheduled, appropriate screening tests for vision and hearing. School districts determine when these screenings will be performed.

Please note: Due to a change in Kentucky regulation, scoliosis screening in schools is no longer required as of the 2012-13 school year.

*Information on performing specific screenings may be found in Selekman, J (2006) School Nursing: A Comprehensive Text. F.A Davis Company, Philadelphia, PA.

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Prevention of Acute or Infectious Diseases in the School Setting

Parents have an important role in communicating with the school and local health officials about possible communicable diseases and the statute sets out requirements on how state agencies should proceed when there is a known threat.

[KRS 158.160](#): Notification to school by parent or guardian of child's medical condition threatening school safety -- Exclusion of child with communicable disease from school -- Closing of school during epidemic.

Some resources for schools include:

[OSHA Required Bloodborne Pathogen Training Fact Sheet](#):

[Preventing Infectious Diseases at School](#)

[Prevention of MRSA Infections in Schools](#)

[KY Department for Public Health Reportable Disease Form](#)

[Seasonal Flu](#)

[Pandemic Flu Planning CDC Web site](#)

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